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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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In re application of: **PHILIP S. GREEN**

Application No.: 08/709,930

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Group Art Unit: 2786

For: **SURGICAL SYSTEM**

**Assistant Commissioner For Patents**  
**Washington, D.C. 20231**



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- ☒ Enclosed is a DECLARATION BY J. KENNETH SALISBURY, JR. IN SUPPORT OF PROSECUTION OF U.S. PATENT NO. 08/709,930.
- ☒ Appendices A-C.
- ☒ SMALL ENTITY STATUS of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

If any extension of time is needed, then this response should be considered a petition therefor.  
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| x \$9.00 =        | \$108.00        |
| x \$39.00 =       | \$429.00        |
| + \$130.00 =      |                 |
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